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Dear Nels:

As you depart for a new assignment I want you to know how much I have valued our close association during the past 18 months and how grateful I have been for your wise counsel. The President shares my deep appreciation for your strong support and skillful direction of the Joint Staff. You have been instrumental in making the new national security system a viable reality.

I wish you the very best in your new command.

Warm regards,

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